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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

RE: PCT/EP00/07849  
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Applicant: Huebner, et al.  
Title: BRANCHED, SUBSTANTIALLY UNSATURATED FATTY  
ALCOHOL SULFATES  
Applicants' Reference: C 2037 PCT/US

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

ATTN: DO/EO/US

**Sir:**

Before examination, in the national stage for the United States, of the above-captioned application under the Patent Convention Treaty, please amend as follows the translation supplied herewith of the application:

**In the Specification:**

*Please delete all text above line 8, of page 1, and replace the deleted matter with the following new section headings and new paragraph:*

**-TITLE OF THE INVENTION**

### Branched Substantially Unsaturated Fatty Alcohol Sulfates

## BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates generally to anionic surfactants and, more particularly, to substantially unsaturated fatty alcohol sulfates which, through the presence of branches in the hydrocarbon chain, are distinguished from linear homologs by significantly improved properties, to a process for their production and to their use for the production of surface-active compositions.--